GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:86
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2005
RESERVATION TO MINORITY STUDENTS IN ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Allahabad High Court has issued any directions regarding the minority status of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and reservation of 50 per cent to minority students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to appeal against the judgement of the Allahabad High Court; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.86 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th NOVEMBER, 2005 ASKED BY SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN AND SHRI SURAVARAM SUDHAKAR REDDY REGARDING RESERVATION TO MINORITY STUDENTS IN ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY

(a) to (d) : The Single Bench of the High Court, Allahabad has in its order dated 4th October, 2005 held, inter-alia, that the Aligarh Muslim University is not a minority institution within the meaning of Article 30 of the Constitution of India and has quashed the decision of the University Authorities to reserve 50% seats in the Postgraduate Medical Courses for the Muslims of India on all India basis, as also the 'no-objection' thereto conveyed by the Central Government. The Government has filed Special Appeals in the High Court at Allahabad and the matter is before the Division Bench.